

ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND.

WHAT SORT OF MAN THE HEIR TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IS.

A Devout Catholic Who Has Stunned the Los von Horn Movement—Does Not Seek Popularity and Is Not Friendly to Germany—of His Non-Royal Wife.

ROME, March 25.—The "Los von Horn" movement is regarded here as having broken down. The elections to the Austrian Landtag have demonstrated the unpopularity of the secession. M. Georges Goyan has drawn a picture of this great intrigue, founded by Germany, in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* for March 15. Next to the elections, the intervention of the hereditary Prince, Ferdinand of Este, has had most influence in checking the movement. The Prince has come to the front now; he takes great pains in avoiding everything that might look like seeking for popularity; he avoids letting the public know anything about his personality or showing himself in public or attracting attention.

The Belvedere Palace his Vienna residence, is closed to the press; newspapers are admitted for the Archduke reads many written in the principal languages of the empire, but journalists would find it useless to approach even the lowest palace officials. All, even the servants, have strict instructions, which they obey. Franz Ferdinand is a man of his times, but he evidently thinks it unbecoming for persons of a certain rank to do as they please. He is discreet. The newspapers have often printed news or judgments concerning him that were incorrect; he has never had them contradicted. "Some day," he says, "it will be seen that I was misjudged."

The Princess, for the Archduke's wife being by birth a mere Countess of a family that doesn't reign could not become an Archduchess, leads only a domestic life. Discreet, reserved, having contentment in her own life, she devotes herself with scrupulous delicacy to avoiding every occasion where her rank, which doesn't correspond to her true station, might arouse misunderstandings or bring up questions of etiquette.

As the wife of the heir to the throne she cannot be refused with the general public; but, on the other hand, her official rank precludes her taking place with her husband in court life; she, therefore, keeps away. She shuns the theatre, where she cannot sit in the Imperial box, nor be seen in any of the places where her presence would cause surprise.

The Emperor, who is his nephew's best friend, has a deep affection for the Princess, who so delicate tact has delighted him. All members of the Imperial family share his feelings, and there is but one Archduke who has not had the Princess Elisabeth for his guest. The Archduke's religious sentiments are well known; the Princess shares them. Usually the two attend mass every morning in their chapel, where even prayer is had, and both cheerfully and regularly the abstinence and fasts prescribed by the Church.

Franz Ferdinand is a hard worker. He has all the education that is indispensable to a cultivated gentleman and is, besides, a specialist in military science, economics and the science of government. As regards music and art his knowledge does not rise above the level of a cultivated man of the world who has a certain amount of taste. In this respect he has followed the Emperor's example and has taken particular pains in establishing a wise balance between his intellectual inclinations. Experience has shown that sovereigns who are too artistic are bad governors. Baviaria's misfortunes are due to the unrestrained artistic fancy of two of her Kings. Harmony and duly weighing his faculties characterize the Archduke.

According to a Hungarian review he has intervened but once in politics; that was last December, when the Austro-Hungarian compromise met with difficulties in the Vienna Chamber. Franz Ferdinand had the Prime Minister, Herr von Koerber, summoned suddenly, and said to him: "This matter must be settled or else the Emperor will abdicate. I will look after the Czechs and the other Slavs; do you make arrangements with the Germans." It is naturally difficult to verify the truth of this story, but at any rate it is probable for the heir presumptive is liked by the Slavs, not only on account of his impartiality toward the different nationalities of the empire, but also on account of his marriage with the Countess Chotek, whose family belongs to the ancient Slav nobility. From another point of view the story has a certain interest for it corroborates the belief of those who believed last December that the Emperor was about to abdicate, and that the young illness which kept him at Schoenbrunn was of a purely diplomatic nature.

Is it true that at the same time the heir presumptive uttered words hostile to Germany? The journal cited doubts this. "We must not be the vassals of Germany," the Archduke is reported to have said. Sentiments in Austria-Hungary are still of such a nature that many people think such a declaration too bold to be probable.

The truth of the matter is that the German Empire still exerts a powerful influence in the affairs of Austria-Hungary, since it has been shown, when Count Thun fell, that no Minister of the Interior was possible in Austria unless he was agreeable to Germany. Now Archduke Franz Ferdinand has laid strong stress on the need of Austrian patriotism whenever circumstances have compelled him to speak. To proclaim the duty of Austria to patriotism and to reject the supremacy of Germany are two phases which in Austria have precisely the same meaning. The Prince, who has not hesitated to use the one in public, has certainly not feared to use the other in private conversation.

Too circumspect to come into opposition with Berlin without the most serious grounds, he has no idea of an alliance with Germany save on the formal condition that Austria shall be absolute master as in her own territory. The protest against vassalage, which it is so difficult to get, agrees with his firm convictions.

We may even assert that the Archduke spoke frankly on this with Wilhelm II. In the interview he had with the Kaiser, that is why Prince Eukenburg, who was compromised in the German intrigues in Austria, was obliged to leave the Embassy at Vienna, and why Gen. von Wedl, his successor, had to go as soon as he had secured his post, to state in an address to the German colony, that the first duty of a guest in a foreign country is not to meddle with matters that do not concern him.

Froud, but not without pliability, the German Kaiser would undoubtedly never have granted this reservation, if he had not perceived that this was had changed and feared that they might change still more.

THE HUSBAND NEED NOT PAY.

Bills of a Wife Who Has Left Him Without Fault of His.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has decided unanimously that a husband is not liable for the debts, subsequently contracted, of a wife who has left him voluntarily and without sufficient reason.

The wife of Henry Roemer, a wealthy business man of 185 Chambers street, left her husband in 1897, and in 1901 she ran up a bill of \$200 with Arnold, Constable & Co. When the bill was presented to Mr. Roemer he refused to pay it.

Municipal Court Justice Joseph supported Roemer in this contention, but the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, in reversing Justice Joseph, said that the husband was responsible for his wife's necessary debts as long as she was his wife. In reversing the Appellate Term and upholding Justice Joseph, the Appellate Division says in part:

"The husband is only liable when he has failed to perform a duty. The husband owes no duty to support a wife who refuses to live with him without fault of his own."

Counsel for the prosecuting firm said yesterday that an immediate appeal would be taken to the Court of Appeals.

BURGLARS CAUSE FATAL FIRE.

Blew Open a Safe and Got \$200—One Man Dead, Two Women Burned.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., April 11.—In a fire which was started by burglars, who blew open a safe in W. E. Matthews' fruit store in Clifton early this morning, one man lost his life, two women were burned and a three-story building was destroyed.

The victim of the fire was John Wagner, a helpless paralytic, 80 years old, who lived in a rear room on the third floor. Miss Agnes Thompson, a nurse, and a Miss Worden rushed through the blazing hall and down two flights of stairs to safety. Both were badly burned about the face and hands.

The explosion was heard by the manager and night watchman of the Palmer House. A moment afterward they saw smoke and flames issuing from the rear of the store. When the firemen arrived they found the rear door open. The door of the safe was found to have been blown open. No other trace of the burglars was found. They took about a half dozen dollars in cash, jewelry and other valuables. The excitement of the fire having caused a serious heart difficulty.

RIVAL SAFEROBBERS "PEACHED."

Report That Skilled Thieves Warned Police of the Hoboken Burglary.

Frank Avery, alias "Harriman," who was arrested yesterday on suspicion that he was implicated in the North Bergen cemetery safe robbery last Wednesday, was held in the Tombs court yesterday morning, to await requisition papers from New Jersey.

An interested spectator in the court room when Avery was arraigned was Harry Russell, a notorious safecracker, who, they say, was one of the men who took part in the robbery last Wednesday.

Digging Last Year's Crop of Potatoes in April.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., April 11.—Louis Green of Griffin's Corners finished digging his last year's crop of potatoes this week. Last fall Green became disgusted over the quantity of rotten tubers found in his field, so he quit taking them from the ground. This spring, potatoes being a dollar a bushel and his supply getting low, he concluded to investigate. He found that the potatoes left in the ground had rotted, not only in the spring, but he says he got more sound potatoes than if he had dug them last fall.

Circus Soon to Leave Town.

This is the last week but one of the performances in Madison Square Garden of the Barnum & Bailey show. The show is scheduled to exhibit in Brooklyn in the Easter week, beginning April 27. In the present season in this city the attendance has been equal to anything in past years. The full seating capacity of the place (6,500) was sold at thirty-six out of forty-two performances.

On Shorter Course at Columbia.

Notwithstanding the objections to the ideas of President Butler of Columbia college on the shortening of the academic course in American colleges, he announces that a special committee of the faculty is considering the subject thoroughly and will make an elaborate report. The report will not be made before fall. The committee consists of President Butler, Dean Van Amringe and Profs. Peck, Carpenter, Hallcock and Sloane.

American Girl to Wed Count Otto Von Keenigsmarck.

ALTON, Ill., April 11.—Miss Lela Perley, daughter of Mrs. T. E. Perley of Alton, who, it is announced, will wed in May Count Otto Von Keenigsmarck of Germany, first lieutenant in the German Army, is an American girl, and her father is in Germany. She and her mother are now in Bavaria.

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VANDERBILT GETS A LICENSE.

REGINALD AND MISS NEILSON MAY WED LEGALLY.

Mr. Vanderbilt Swears That He Is a Resident of New York City—Decorators Begin Extensive Work at Arleigh—Vast Quantity of Flowers to Be Used.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 11.—The principal feature to-day relating to the approaching marriage of Miss Cathleen Neilson and Reginald C. Vanderbilt was the taking out of a marriage license. The Rhode Island statute requires that the prospective bride and groom shall appear at the city hall in the town in which they are to be married and swear to a declaration which contains certain questions relative to their status.

This form was gone through with by the young couple shortly before noon to-day, and at its conclusion a marriage license was issued, which they must present to the officiating clergyman before they can be married. Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss Neilson drove up to the city hall in a runabout and entered the office of the City Clerk.

They had been expected. City Clerk Stevens at once ushered them into his private office, where the business was transacted. This is the first time that a marriage license has been issued here behind closed doors. The answers to the declaration were public property, as they had to be filed in the record book.

An inspection of this brought out the fact that Mr. Vanderbilt said that his occupation was that of a gentleman, and that his place of residence was New York City. The declaration ends the contention that he is a citizen of Portsmouth. He gave his full name as Reginald Claypool Vanderbilt, and his age as 22. He gave his place of birth as New York City and his father was Cornelius Vanderbilt, a "capitalist." In the declaration his mother's name was given as Alice Wynne and her place of birth as Ohio.

Miss Neilson said that she was born in New York City and that her place of residence was Newport. She said that she was 21 years old, that her mother's maiden name was Belle Gilman and that her father, Frederick Neilson, was a gentleman by occupation, both mother and father having been born in New York City.

Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss Neilson stated that this was their first marriage and both had to take oath that the answers to the questions given by them were true to their best knowledge and belief.

When this was completed Mr. Vanderbilt asked what the fee was and was informed that it was \$1. He took a crisp \$10 note from his pocket and handed it to the City Clerk who gave him \$9 in change. Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss Neilson then went away. Miss Neilson wore a blue sailor costume and a toque hat of red velvet. From the City Hall they went on a shopping tour and then Miss Neilson was driven to Arleigh.

Mr. Vanderbilt to-day came in from Sandy Point farm and took up his residence at "The Breakers," where he will stay with his mother until after the wedding. His horses were also brought in from the farm to-day and are quartered at a stable that Mr. Vanderbilt has hired.

This afternoon Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt gave a ladies' luncheon at Oakland farm in honor of Miss Neilson. There were nine guests. They included Miss Neilson, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Miss Lady Vanderbilt, Mrs. Frederick Neilson and Mrs. Arthur T. Kemp.

A special feature at the wedding will be a grand ball at Arleigh, where there will be erected a terrace. About 15,000 white lilies will be used in its decoration and the room where the bride and groom will receive will be all decorated with American Beauty roses except the bride's table, which will be in lilies of the valley.

The grounds of the villa will be set out with large palms, bay trees and plants in full bloom. The bride will carry a bouquet of white orchids and clusters of orange blossoms and the bride's attendants will carry bouquets of white Persian lilies.

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